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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER KIMURA'S TRAVEL TO AFRICA

REF: A. TOKYO 8095 B. TOKYO 12543

1. TO ENUNCIATE JAPAN'S NEW "PRO-AFRICA" POLICY, FONMIN KIMURA WILL VISIT AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADERS OF GHANA (OCT 31), NIGERIA (NOV 1-3), ZAIRE (NOV 3-5), TANZANIA (NOV 5-7), AND EGYPT (NOV 7-9). PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO DEVELOP "GOODWILL" AND "UNDERSTANDING", ACCORDING TO FONOFF AFRICA DIV DIRECTOR KUROKOCHI. MAJOR FACETS OF KIMURA'S APPROACH WILL BE A) ASSERTION THAT JAPAN HEEDS OAU POLICIES OPPOSING RACISM AND ENFORCES ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AND OTHER MEASURES AGAINST RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA; B) JAPAN UNDERSTANDS AFRICAN ATTEMPTS TO "AFRICANIZE" THEIR ECONOMIES TO GAIN ECONOMIC

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INDEPENDENCE AND, THUS, GENUINE POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE;

C) KIMURA WILL ALSO INDICATE JAPAN'S READINESS TO ENGAGE IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: FORTHCOMING AFRICAN TOUR, FIRST BY JAPANESE MINISTER TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, IS AFRICAN COROLLARY TO "PRO-ARAB" STANCE JAPAN HAS UNDERTAKEN AS RESULT OF OIL CRISIS. JAPANESE WERE CONCERNED THAT AFRICAN EMBARGO OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS MIGHT BE IN OFFING WITH JAPAN, REGARDED AS VIOLATER OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS, AS A NATURAL TARGET. GOJ HOPES KIMURA VISIT WILL DISSIPATE ANIMOSITY TOWARD JAPAN AND HELP ENSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO AFRICA RESOURCES, MARKETS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES.  
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